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[Despatch Abstract.]

Library - Ladies Club - Bangalore - Grant - Reconsideration - refund - papers recorded.

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Ladies' Club
Lighthouse Hill
M A N G A L O R E

24th November 1927

Dear Mr. Conran-Smith,

I have received your letter of the 7th instant regarding a grant for the library of our Club for which I thank you. It is stated in your letter that this Club is not eligible for a grant under the Government Order regulating such grants. The Club has been registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860. We have a site leased to us by Government and have erected a substantial building at a cost of Rs 10,000 raised mostly from private subscriptions. It is fully equipped with the necessary furniture and the staff required for the library. All the members are educated and a library is therefore a necessity. The Club is cosmopolitan in character, having on its rolls members belonging to different castes and creeds and is located in a central and salubrious place accessible from all parts of the town. The Club agrees to contribute a sum not less than the amount solicited from Government to conform to the conditions laid down in the G.O. No. 689 dated 23-4-1926. It is thus seen that the Club satisfies all the conditions laid down in the G.O. No. 689 dated 23-4-1926 Law (Education) of which I enclose a copy herein. In fact the Director of Public Instruction to whom an application for a grant was sent last year seems to have thought that our Club was eligible to a grant because the only objection he mentioned was that our application was too late. A copy of his reply is enclosed herein.

We have since applied to the Director of Public Instruction for a consideration of our claim at the distribution of the grant for 1927-1928. We made our present request to Viscountess Goschen as we were desirous of obtaining a substantial grant as early as possible.

As regards the suggestion towards the close of your letter I may say that we have now what may be called a nucleus of a library containing nearly 400 volumes, all being gifts of members and well-wishers in Mangalore and elsewhere. We are anxious to have books relating to various departments of knowledge and especially in current literature. The funds now at our disposal are not enough for this purpose. And hence was our prayer to Viscountess Goschen. We wanted to show our library to Her Excellency during her visit to the Club, but as she had no time to stay with us longer we were unable to do so. We should therefore be grateful if Her Excellency would again be pleased to take this matter into her consideration and kindly help us to secure our request.

I am very sorry to intrude on your valuable time but I could not help it as help in this respect is great and urgent.

Yours truly,
Lucy Seshta
(Mrs M. S. Seshta)

To
E. Conran-Smith Esq., I.C.S.
Private Secretary
Government House
M a d r a s

GRM with Two enclosures.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

LAW (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT

G.O.No. 689, 3rd April 1926

Libraries-- Grants-- 1926-27 -- Distribution-- proposals called for --

Order-- No. 689, Law (Education) dated 23rd April 1926.

A provision of Rs. 10,000 has been made under "31.E.d. Education-Genl Miscellaneous- Grants-in aid- Miscellaneous- Non-recurring" in the Civil Budget Estimate for 1926-27 for grants to local bodies for the maintenance of public libraries. The following conditions will be observed in the distribution of the grants:-

a) In the case of libraries under the direct control of local bodies

(1) the minimum grant payable to a library should not exceed Rs. 100;
(2) the local body should provide the building, furniture and the staff required for the library and contribute from its own funds or subscriptions a sum not less than the amount of the Government grant
(3) The library should be open to the public and should be located in a place accessible to all communities;
(4) all books should be approved by the District Educational Officer before purchase;
(5) a register of members and a register of books should be maintained and these records should be available for inspection when inspecting officers visit the library which they may do at any time;
(6) a statement of the accounts audited in the office of the local body together with a certificate that the amounts have been spent on the purchase of books approved by the District Educational Officer should be furnished to the Director of Public Instruction every year in the month of May,

(b) In the case of libraries under Private Management.

The conditions specified under (a) above will apply and in addition,
(i) such libraries should be registered under the Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860; and

(ii) the audited statement of accounts together with the certificate that the amounts have been spent on books approved by the District Educational Officer should be furnished to the Director of Public Instruction through the local body concerned.

Note-- Condition (i) need not be enforced for the year 1926-27 as there may not be sufficient time, before the submission of the application, for getting the libraries registered).

Local Bodies having public libraries under their direct or indirect control are requested to submit applications to Government through the Director of Public Instruction, showing---
(1) statement of charges involved,
(2) the amount spent out of the grant if any, distributed under G.O.No. 1863, Law (Education), dated 28th October 1925
(3) the amount of the unspent balance of the above grant, if any, at their disposal,
(4) the amount they are prepared to raise from their own funds, and (5) the amount of grant required from the Government.

Private associations having public libraries in their charge should submit their applications to the local bodies concerned who will scrutinise them and forward such as are deserving of support to the Govt. through the Director of Public Instruction before the 15th July next.
3. The Director will tabulate all the applications received and submit them to Govt. in a consolidated form with his recommendations.

(By order of the Govt. Ministry of Education)

T.T.Krishnama Achariyar,
Secretary to Govt

Educational Department

From

R. G. Grieve, Esq., M.A., F.R.G.S.,

Ag. Director of Public Instruction,

M A D R A S.

To

The Chairman,

Municipal Council,

M a n g a l o r e.

L. Dis. No. 898 B/27 dated 28th April 1927.

Sir,

Ref. Your endorsement N. Dis. C.No. 28/27/28 dated 5-4-1927

With reference to para 1 of the letter dated 5-4-27, from the Secretary Ladies' Club, Mangalore, forwarded with your endorsement quoted above, she may be informed that no grant was sanctioned by Government on behalf of this library in 1923-24-

2. As regards the grant sought forwith reference to G.O. No. 689 L.E. dated 23-4-26 she may be informed that it is too late now to approach Government in the matter as the distribution of grants for 1926-27 has already been sanctioned by Government.

Sd. ------

For Director of Public Instruction.

Dis. C. No. 28/27-28

Copy communicated to the Secretary, Ladies Club for information.

Municipal Office,
Mangalore, 14-5-27

Sd: Ramappa
For Chairman M.C.

PRIVATE SECRETARY MADRAS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
MADRAS.
24th December 1927.

Dear Mr. Sitaramayya,

I am to send you the enclosed letter from Mrs. Sreshta for favour of disposal. She is apparently confusing the Club library with a public library.

Yours sincerely,

M.R.Ry.P.Sitaramayya Garu,
Secretary to Government,
Law Department

Law and Education Deptt.

Attention is invited to the n.o. note of the D.P.I. at page 2 of G.O. No.2160 L.E., dated 8-11-1927, in which he has stated that the Ladies Club, Mangalore, is a purely private one and that a grant to the club for the maintenance of its library will form an inconvenient precedent. Grants are made only to public libraries. The library in question is attached to a private club and is apparently intended only for the use of its members. The club

G.O. No 689
23.4.26
S.C.J.

s not eligible for any grant.

For orders whether any reply should be sent

:o Mrs. Sreshta.

NH 2/12/97

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Send the letter to D.P.O. for

urgent remarks. If he should recommend

a grant it has to come out of the Govt.

We may detain the linked file (top file)

till this is disposed of. A reply may

have to be sent

3/12/97

A draft U.O. note to the

D.P.O. is sent.

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Law and Education Deptt.

C.No.3821 C - From Mrs. Sreshta, Mangalore - dated 24th November 1927.
Grant - Library - Ladies Club, Mangalore.

The letter of Mrs. Sreshta may be sent (u.o.) to the D.P.I. and he may be requested to offer ~~his~~ remarks on the request for a grant made in the letter, at a very early date.

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U.O.Reply No. 1196 B-27 9.12.27

This library is the library of a ladies club similar to the Ladies Recreation Club and open to club members only. It is not therefore a public library in the sense in which the is used in G.O.No.689 L.E., dated 23rd April If aid is given to this library it will have to given towards the ladies recreation clubs any similar club, and if grants are given to libraries in ladies clubs they could not be re in similar clubs for men. I do not consider provincial funds should be devoted to grants lubs.

One minor point may be mentioned. The quest of eligibility was not considered last year as he application was received late.

9/12/27

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Law and Eccl. dept

In view of the remarks of the Asst. Sec. in page 3 ante it is for orders whether the Ladies' Club, Mangalore, may be informed that as it is not eligible for any grant.

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BSR
13.12.27.

VM
15/1/28

VM
16/1/28

P.S.G. (Law).

His Excellency agrees that the Ladies Club may be informed accordingly.

Ecclesiastical
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P.S.G.
30-12-27.

Law and Eccl. dept

A draft G.O. to Mrs. Srahla is subd. After issue the papers may be recorded.

BSR
5/1/28.

VM
5/1/28

CR
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OSR
7-1-28

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Law and Education

D. O. No. 3821 C. 3 dt. 1/28

Dear Madam,

With reference to your letter dated 26th Nov. 1927, addressed to the Private Secretary to H. E. the Governor I am desired to say that the Ladies Club, Mangalore is not eligible for a Govt grant for the maintenance of its library as the library is not open to the public but is intended only for the benefit of members of the Club.

Yours faithfully

Secretary

Mrs. M. S. Sreshta,
Ladies Club,
Lighthouse Hill,
Mangalore.